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building...state building fund, and it's on page 71 of your goldenrod booklet. About 98 percent of the recommended General Funds for capital construction are reaffirmations of projects initiated in prior sessions. This includes: \$5.7 million each year for continuation of the NETV digital conversion project; \$5.9 million in each year for the state's share of deferred maintenance and repair projects at the university and state colleges, as authorized under LB 1100 in 1998; \$1.7 million each year for renovation of the Carpenter NETC Building; and \$3.2 million in Fiscal Year '03-04, and \$2.7 million in '04-05, for continued funding of the state's Capitol masonry and structural repair project. There is...once again, this is only continuation and attending to our completion of previously authorized capital construction projects. The only, the only new construction in this bill is a new transmitter for KLNE at Lexington and at KMNE at Bassett, transmitter for NETC, \$390,000 each year. That is the only new construction. Everything else is simply reaffirmation of previously authorized projects as we wind down toward their completion. I would entertain questions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Chair would now recognize Senator Wehrbein to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment will become the bill, as I just outlined. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Wehrbein to close. He waives closing. The question is on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 406. All those in favor please vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Committee amendments are adopted. Chair would now recognize Senator Schimek, on the bill.